

SALINA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

YOUTH SOFTBALL COACHES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MARCH 30, 2016

I. WELCOME: Thanks for coming! Sign-In Sheet

II. PICK UP INFORMATION:

Softball Meeting Agenda	Coaches Background Check	Salina Softball Rules
Team Registration	Individual Registration	NBC Rule Book
Coaches Checklist	Practice Information	Tournament Brochure & Flyers
Age Division Requirements	Pitching Machine Practices	Softball Camps – Daryl Hoelting

III. INTRODUCTIONS: *Athletic Supervisor:* Travis Scheele *Athletic Assistant:* Gwen Turner, Interns
Field Supervisors: Gwen & Ashley *Photographer:* The Picture Lady
UIC (Umpire in Chief): Sarah McMahon, 822-5056, bablue@cox.net

IV. SALINA AREA YOUTH SPORTSMANSHIP INITIATIVE (SAYSI), CHRIS LAUCK:

- a) **Sportsmanship:** Can't stress it enough – RESPECT!
- b) **SAYSI Youth Softball 9U Machine Pitch Tournament:** Saturday, June 18
- c) **Aquafina Pitch, Hit & Run:** Saturday, April 30, ECRA #3 & #4
- d) **Take Me out to the Ballpark:** Baseball & Softball (Daryl Hoelting & KWU Players) Clinics, Free Giveaways, Free Food, Dunking Machine, etc: Monday, May 17, 5 – 8pm, Bill Burke Park

V. NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS COACHES ASSOCIATION (NYSCA):

- a) **Head Coaches Mandatory:** It is mandatory for all head coaches to be NYSCA certified. Situations with co-head coaches, we will certify both. Assistants do not need certified. New coaches must attend one of the following two clinics:
 1. **1st Clinic:** Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. – City County Building, Room 107 **OR**
 2. **2nd Clinic:** Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. – City County Building, Room 107B
- b) **Current Certified Coaches:** If you are already NYSCA certified, you do not need to come until 7:30 p.m. We are once again having local clinicians for second part of the clinic that starts at 7:30 p.m. It is very beneficial for every head & assistant coaches to attend.
- c) **NYSCA Renewal:** Current certified coaches sign NYSCA Roster. \$20.00 (Paid by P & R).
- d) **Online Certification:** www.nays.org \$20.00 (Paid by the coach) if cannot make the clinic dates.

VI. PARENTS ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH SPORTS (PAYS):

- a) **Mandatory:** Teams must have at least two (2) parent representatives listed on their roster. Representatives must attend one of the following two clinics:
 1. **1st Clinic:** Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. (room 107) **OR**
 2. **2nd Clinic:** Thursday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. (room 107)

VII. TEAM REGISTRATION: Teams must present all of the following all together:

- a) **Head Coaches Background Check Form:** PDF & Savable/printable version available online. Please completely fill out & sign.
- b) **Team Registration Form & Roster:** Completely fill out!
- c) **Conflicts/Requests:** A small slot available. Please check your personal/team calendars.
- d) **Copies of Birth Certificates:** Needed for all 8U & NEW players this year. Returning players from previous years (regardless if they played on another team) do NOT need to provide birth certificates.
- e) **Team/Players Fees:** (All in one check) We ask all teams to bring in one check (have players pay coach and he/she may write one check or money order).
- f) **Sponsorships:** Noon Optimist: Kent Happel, 643-0393, rodn4jc@yahoo.com, Buffalo Wild Wings, etc.
- g) **Team Deadline:** WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, BY 5:00 PM. DO NOT WAIT!
- h) **PLAYERS ALREADY ON A TEAM'S ROSTER DO NOT SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY!**
- i) **Additional Players:** For teams needing additional players, a list will be available by April 1.
- j) **16 & Over League:** Players must at minimum complete a freshmen season (no exceptions). League @ KSU-Salina.

VIII. ROSTERS: Age Division Requirements

- a) **Age Cut-off:** Players age as of Dec. 31st, 2015
- b) **Minimum Age for league:** Must be in 2nd grade (No exceptions!). Can play tournaments.

- c) **Spring - Rookie Round-Up:** Parks & Recreation Spring Program for K & 1st Graders
- d) **Instructional Summer Leagues:** For players not meeting the minimum age requirement, contact:
 - 1. **Knights of Columbus:** www.kofc8196.org, Adam Cote, 556-2442
 - 2. **YMCA:** 825-2151

IX. LEAGUE/SEASON:

- a) **Schedule:** 10 game weekday evenings. Last years schedules left on website as a guide, but will change and the # of teams dictate this years schedules. Schedules available on website Friday, May 6
- b) **Begins:** Games will begin on May 17th for most ages (middle/high school ages tentatively to start later).
- c) **Ends:** Tentatively scheduled to end 2nd/3rd week of July (depending on the # of rain-out games).

X. RULES:

- a) **Review Salina Parks & Recreation Rule changes and emphasis:**
 - 1. Mandatory playing time & consequences, free substitution, run rules, courtesy runners
- b) **NBC Rule Changes:** Chin straps recommended, but not required. 11" ball change in 2017.

XI. SANCTIONING & STATE TOURNAMENTS:

- a) **ASA Information:** www.eteamz.com/kansasasa1 or gfptournamentsasa.com
- b) **ASA Rep's:** Chuck Vogan, 822-1921, cvogan@cox.net or Loren Fisher, 820-6191, l.fisher@masscomail.com

XII. TOURNAMENTS:

- a) **City of Salina Tournament Brochure:** Sacred Heart, Downtown Lions, SAYSI, ASA VIP, 12U State
- b) **Other Tournaments:** Noah Martin Memorial. Any other tournaments at South, Central, Bennington, etc?

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS (COACHING TID-BITS):

- a) **Have Fun!** If the kids are learning the game, developing skills, having fun; winning comes with that.
- b) **Typical Practice Plan:** Keep on track and keep a good flow. Repetition, Repetition, repetition. Challenge the kids otherwise boredom will set in. Coach Deck.
- c) **Safety:** Above all, safety of the kids is priority (facilities, rules, background checks, etc.)
- d) **Goal:** We are in it together for the kids, not ourselves.
- e) **Umpire/Coach Relations**
 - 1. Have fun & respect each other. Handle each other in a proper professional manner
 - 2. Coaches coach, players play, umpires umpire, spectators spectate
 - 3. Before reacting; pause, take a deep breath, then react
 - 4. Mixture of teenagers & veterans

XIV. COMMUNICATION: Communication is key!

- a) **Website:** www.salina-ks.gov/parksandrecreation – Click on Youth Athletics, Softball
 - 1. Access forms, schedules, league standings, rules, tournaments & links, updates, rainouts, etc.
- b) **Weather: Not using Rainout Line. RecZone**
 - 1. **RecZone: Have information sent to you of your choice text and/or e-mail! (Projector)**
 - 2. **Weatherbug & Emergency Exit (Projector)**
 - 3. **Inclement Weather Action Plan (IWAP) for Bill Burke Park:** Yellow Sheet
- c) **Parking:** 1 way design, stagger game times, scheduling DH's, other activities elsewhere, before sit out a field.

XV. PRACTICES (Out of town teams can be excused):

- a) **Practice Policy, Procedures, Times, Locations, etc:** See handout
- b) **Practice Reservation Process:**
 - 1. Pre-Season weekly stand-up practice until games begin: Draw for numbers
 - 2. Pre-Season 2nd weekly practice until games begin: Call on Wednesday, April 6 or after
 - 3. During Season: weekly stand-up practice until the end of the season: Call on Wednesday, May 11
- c) Field Availability Icon on our website (Projector)
- d) No setting up fields for practice games by City staff. Use your practice time if you want.
- e) Do not drive vehicles on grass by diamonds. Leave vehicles in parking lot.
- f) Cannot use plug-ins on USD 305 facilities. Locked. Generators.
- g) Pitching rubbers and bases may not be at your particular age level distances
 - 1. DO NOT pull the pitching rubbers
 - 2. Purchase your own or make them out of a block of wood. Bring measuring tape.
- h) 8/9U Pitching Machine Baseball & Softball: Sundays: 5-6pm, 6-7pm, 7-8pm slots.
- i) Hangar/Sharp Performance: Jackie Sharp, 643-7266, rjsharp@gmail.com, www.sharpe-performance.com

XVI. QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/DRAW NUMBERS/ADJOURN: